(d) The interest earned on the corpus fund is used by the IIMs in running the Educational Programmes of the Institutes which would help brilliant young people of all communities of both Urban & Rural areas. The Institutes have separate scheme for extending financial assistance to students under "Need Based Policy".

(c) The Institutes do not have special scheme to admit students belonging to minority category.

IIT at Medak

1447.SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had received a request from Andhra Pradesh Government to issue necessary orders for starting the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) at Medak from the academic year 2008-09, as the notification for Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) for admission to the IITs had already been issued in November, 2007;

(b) if so, the latest status of the request; and

(c) the details of the courses proposed started in IIT, Medak and infrastructure/ facilities provided there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An Indian Institute of Technology has been set up at Medak, Andhra Pradesh on 17th July, 2008. Classes have already been started with a total of 116 students in B.Tech. courses in Computer Science & Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering from the current academic session of 2008-09, at a temporary campus at Ordnance Factory, Medak, where necessary infrastructure have been provided. Land for the permanent campus of IIT in Andhra Pradesh has also been finalised.

Shortage of teachers in primary and middle schools

1448.SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of eight lakh teachers in primary and middle schools; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the steps taken by Government to meet this shortage which would increase to 35 lakh by 2011, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) As per data provided in the District Information System of Education (DISE) for 2006-07, the Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) for primary and upper primary level is 36:1 and 32:1 respectively in the country, which is better than the national norm of 40:1.

The only States where the PTR is adverse is Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, for which the States receive assistance under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to appoint teachers.